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German Magazine Agrees To Edit JFK Serialization

HAMBURG, Germany (AP)—Stern magazine agreed Wednesday to cut passages of a personal nature of its serialization of "The Death of a President" and its editor sent Mrs. John F. Kennedy a message saying, "I am sorry to have caused you displeasure."

Henri Nannen, editor in chief, said 122 lines were cut from the serialization and they represented Mrs. Kennedy's "personal statements of feeling" at the time of the assassination of her husband.

A Hamburg court two days ago refused to prevent Stern from publishing an unedited version of the serialization. The action had been sought by Look magazine, which made deletions at the request of the Kennedy family and tried to prevent Stern from publishing them. Look had sold the serialization rights to Stern for a reported \$72,500.

Nannen took note of this in a telegram to Mrs. Kennedy informing her of the decision.

"What I could not do under either political censorship, nor pressure of legal actions I gladly...do voluntarily. The next Stern issue of William Manchester's the 'Death of a President' will not contain the personal passages you object to. I am sorry to have caused you displeasure."

A magazine spokesman said Mrs. Kennedy had replied to Nannen's telegram but did not make it public. In New York,

however, it was reported Mrs. Kennedy replied:

"I wish to thank you for the decision to delete personal passages as I requested. This modification of der Stern's position is appreciated by Senator Kennedy and me."